

Bengaluru is being lit this Navaratri

From dandiya and garba performances to lavish food spreads, tickets to various cultural events are being sold out in a jiffy, say organisers

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Navaratri festivities are in the air and after a two-year break, various cultural events are seeing a demand like never before. Many of the event organisers are conducting dandiya nights to attract a huge crowd and the tickets are getting sold out like hot cakes.

Many DJs, live singers with bands, garba dancers, food stall and dandiya sticks will be a part of the event. Places like Koramangala, Jayanagar, HSR Layout, Whitefield, Palace Grounds, Ashok Nagar are going to host special Navaratri functions.

At Gayatri Vihar, Navaratri Utsav 2022 hosted by Sri Raghuvanshi Yuva Sangha garners a major crowd every year. They have been hosting the event from the past 10 years and the crowd goes up to 10,000. This time the organisers are expecting a turnout of over 12,000. Most of the tickets have already been booked and they can see there is a huge surge for the passes. The event will go on till October 4.

Himanshu Rukhana, the party team organiser at Gayatri Vihar said, "We have singers who will come from Mumbai and perform with other artists. The crowd is expected



Navaratri Utsav being held in full fervour at Gayatri Vihar (file picture)

“The crowd will be huge as there was a two-year covid break

— Himanshu Rukhana, party team organiser, Gayatri Vihar

to be huge as there was a two-year covid break and people are waiting to get their dandiya sticks and dance with their family, friends and relatives. "We have tightened up the security and will ensure safety of every individual.

We will have guards and bouncers. Photography will be strictly prohibited in areas where women and children are dancing as many are not comfortable with it."

Pankaj Kothari, CEO Sagar Caterers, Gayatri Vihar added that they have also kept a spread of dishes to choose from and people enjoy the dishes and have the food. People from other communities as well are seen participating in the event and enjoying the traditional form.

In one of the events from Whitefield, called Maha Utsav Navaratri, an organiser said that people have been enquir-

ing and booking in advance. "We have a two-day event on October 1 and 2. It is mostly the youngsters who come forward for the event. But this time we are seeing even children excited about the garba night who have been calling and booking tickets themselves."

Such is the excitement that some are even going to classes to learn garba. Santosh T, a dancer said, "People from all age groups are coming to learn garba. They want to learn some new styles before the event and are enjoying it."

Flunked exam? No marks card for you

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Cash-strapped Bangalore University (BU) has decided to do away with printing marks cards for students who have failed.

BU officials said that this was part of the cost-cutting measure and the varsity may save lakhs of rupees in the process. Instead, the varsity is planning to offer failed marks card copy via DigiLocker, a flagship digital programme by the central government.

A senior BU official said, "There are 195 colleges affiliated to Bangalore University. Every year, more than a lakh students write exams and out of them, 20 to 25 per cent fail in exams. It was not just a waste of money but also a waste of time. For one graduate student, the varsity has to print six marks cards for each semester if he clears all the semesters at one go. There



are examples where students get 10 to 15 marks cards."

BU officials cite the example of neighbouring Kuvempu University (Shivamogga) and University of Mysore where the practice of giving marks cards to failed students has stopped.

BU officials said that they have already uploaded all the marks cards from 1976 to 2021. Cumulatively, 12,18,778 marks cards are currently stored in digital format

for students to access.

Confirming this, BU Registrar (Evaluation) JT Devaraju said, "The decision to stop issuing marks cards to failed students was approved in the recent syndicate. A notification will be issued soon."

The DigiLocker soft copy will be treated on par with physical copy, said Abhishek Singh, President and Chief Executive Officer, National e-governance division. In a letter to the National Medical Council, he said, "The Ministry of Education, Government of India has assigned the National Academic Depository (NAD) implementation via DigiLocker to facilitate students to get authentic educational documents/certificates in digital format directly from their original issuers."

Singh has asked all the medical institutions via NMC to register and upload their 10-years academic certificate data (degree, marksheets, admit card, card, admit score card, etc.) through DigiLocker-NAD.

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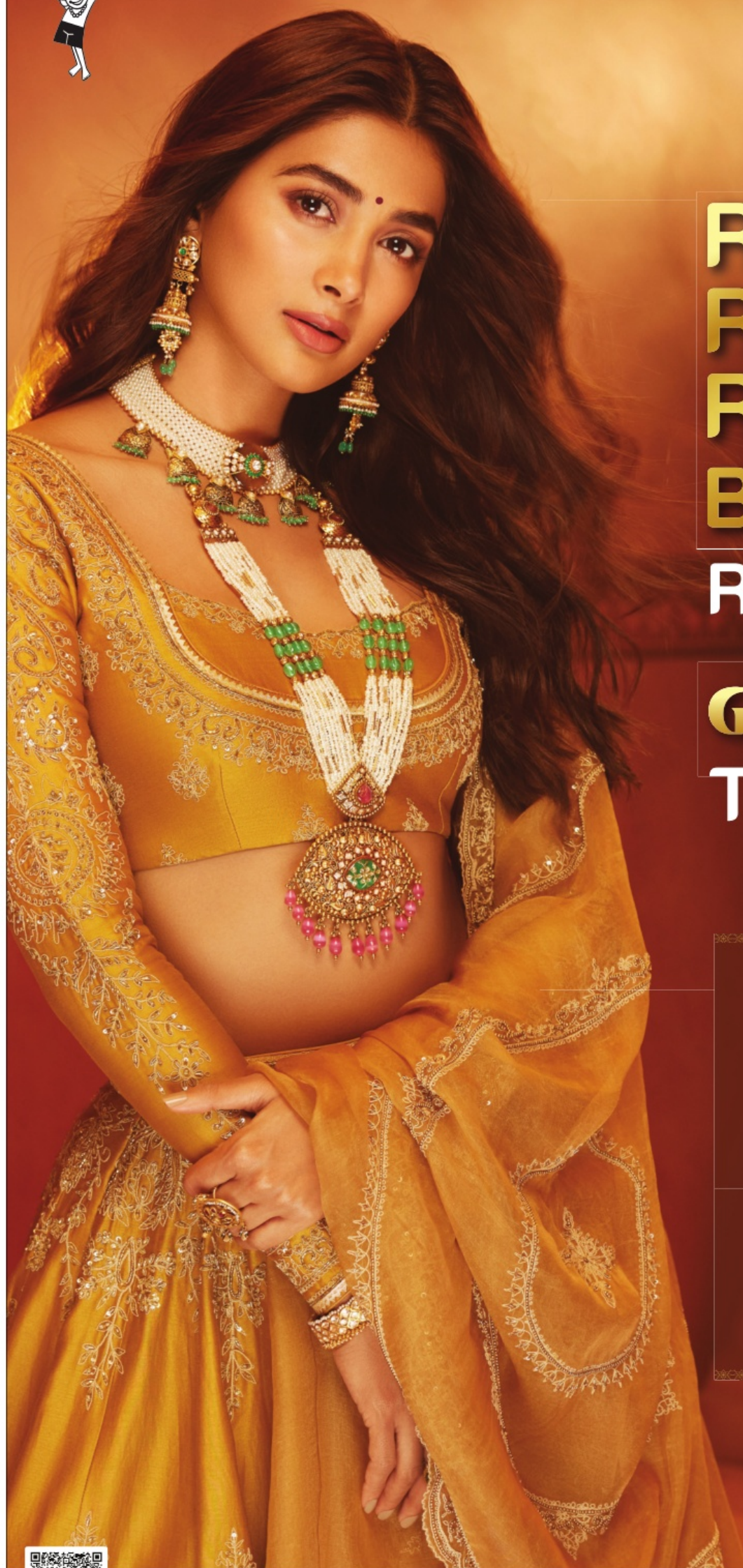
01 Delve into human nature

Sanchaya Theatre's 'Kamaroopigal' is set to perform its 25th and 26th show this Saturday. Inspired by the Panchavati portion of Ramayana, Kaamaroopigal is a play that starts from the insult of Shoorpanki by Rama and Lakshmana and ends at Jatayu Moksha. **Where:** Ranga Shankara; **When:** Oct 1, 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm
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02 Festive shopping

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NGO, students speak up for freedom of movement

By conducting awareness campaign and numbering pickup points, Mount Carmel students along with traffic cops are making area traffic congestion free

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Mount Carmel campus in Vasanth Nagar is blazing the trail to ensure smooth vehicular traffic flow in residential areas close to educational institutions. The college in association with the Traffic Police and a local NGO has taken a slew of measures for effective traffic management and it is working like a charm.

From numbering the pickup points to limiting wait time for parents and from conducting an awareness campaign to limiting students' movement to the footpath area, the idea has become a relief to many residents. With the college reopening earlier this year after a gap of two years, it was the worst nightmare realized for residents living in various residential complexes in the area.

A narrow service lane with hundreds of students rushing to go home every evening and uncountable autos parked – this was the dreadful scenario that these residents had to face every day.

"It's a great initiative taken up by the college in coordination with other agencies. We have around 300 apartments in our complex and one out of the two entry gates to the complex used to get completely blocked by the Mount Carmel traffic. During college and school timings, students walk all over the service road blocking out vehicular movement. It was worsened by parents waiting to pick up kids," said a resident.

According to Dr Rajani Kora, coordinator, Institutional Social responsibility Cell, MCC, the biggest issue causing the chock-a-bloc was



Mount Carmel College students conducting a drive to encourage students to use the footpath

parents waiting to pick up the kids.

"Earlier, there was no way for parents to spot their wards leading to chaos. We have now numbered the pillars on both sides of the double road and have restricted pick-up time to five minutes. With 30 pillars marked, it has now become easy for the parents to communicate and quickly pick up the kids," said Kora.

Under the initiative, the footpath area has been extended with the help of barricades. Around ten metal barricades are put up between 7 am and 4 pm daily, and students and staff have been instructed to walk only through the barricaded area.

"This has ensured that the service road is free for vehicular movement. Students are also not allowed to park vehicles on the road. We have assigned parking spaces for

With 30 pillars marked, it has now become easy for the parents to communicate and quickly pick up their kids

—Rajani Kora, MCC coordinator

them on our college grounds located a few hundred meters from the campus. We have also created a designated space for the autos away from the service road," added Dr Korah.

Volunteers from Mount Carmel institutions are also managing the traffic at various points during the day. While the staff and students from Mount Carmel PU college manage the traffic around the campus during morning hours, it is taken over by the school staff in the afternoon, and degree staff and students during the evening hours.

"The area has many residential complexes and offices and with the students parking their vehicles on

the streets smooth flow of traffic was a major issue. Many students would occupy the service road making passage of vehicles difficult. The residents were at their wit's end when it came to navigating through the stretch," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder, of Citizen for Citizen, the NGO involved in the initiative.

While the measures taken are already turning out to be fruitful, locals say it will take some time for the mindset of people to change completely. "What is required now is a total implementation of these measures. There are still some students that continue to walk on the road," said another resident.

RR Nagar dwellers reside in darkness

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During this festive season, the residents of Rajarajeshwari Nagar in Bengaluru are living amidst darkness devoid of street lights in the area.

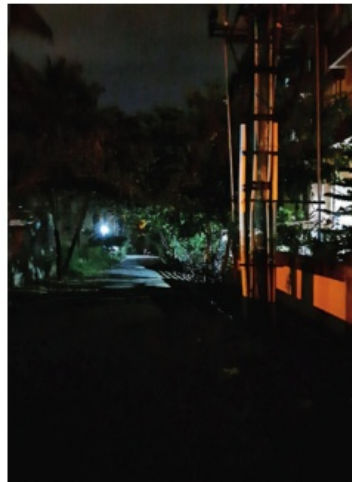
Complaints made by the residents have dropped on deaf ears as even after several complaints no action has been taken. Meenakshi R, a resident, said, "Near the Baldwin school, there are no street lights and it gets very dark after the evening. We complained to Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) and they asked us to take the matter to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) instead. We

are unsure about how to take the issue forward now."

There is a threat of snakes and other animals. "It is a residential area and we have often seen snakes especially during monsoon. It is not safe at all, especially for women and senior citizens who feel unsafe walking out at night after dark. It is a school area also. We are urging the authorities to take action as soon as possible," said Abdul Mohammed, another resident.

The residents say that they submitted an application almost seven months ago and have filed complaints through the Sahaaya app as well. The residents also said that MLA Munirathna came for a site inspection and heard their grievances.

"The authorities along with the MLA came for inspection. We are



Walking across such a pitch black stretch is a recurring nightmare for RR Nagar residents

hoping that the work will start soon as it is really inconvenient for the commuters as well as the residents. The people are also worried about theft and other petty crimes might increase in the area. It is really hampering the safety of the residents."

The civic authorities say that they will attend to the grievances soon. Vijaykumar, BBMP Chief Engineer, RR Nagar Zone, told Bangalore Mirror that they are aware of the issue. "We will be attending to the street light problem in RR Nagar soon," he said.

The Chief Engineer also said that they will get in touch with the assistant executive engineer on the ground to solve the issue at the earliest. The Assistant Executive Engineer was unable to comment at the moment.

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This is the condition of most signboards in the area; officials must reinstate them urgently.

Cops bust inter-state drug ring, 5 arrested

With the arrest of a foreign drug peddler and four women, Karnataka police on Tuesday claimed to have busted an inter-state drug racket operating from the deep forests of Andhra Pradesh.

The City Crime Branch (CCB) Anti-Narcotics wing has seized eight kg of hashish oil, 10 kg ganja and 1.4 kg MDMA crystals worth Rs 7.8 crore in total from the accused.

According to police, the operation was carried out based on a tip-off by the gang which

was arrested a month ago in the limits of Vivek Nagar police station in Bengaluru.

As per the tip-off, the state police team took four women into custody near the Puttaparthi Railway station in Andhra Pradesh.

The women had come to supply drugs to Bengaluru drug peddlers near an auto stand close to the Puttaparthi Railway Station. The police seized 8 kg of hashish oil and 10 kg of ganja from them.

Sleuths raided the residence

of a foreigner who was peddling drugs after obtaining them from the accused women. The police seized 1.4 gm of MDMA crystals from his house.

Police say that the kingpin of the drug racket is operating from Arakku and Sitampalli forest areas.

The kingpin manufactures hashish oil and other drugs deep inside jungles and sells it to Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi and Mumbai.

The police have launched a hunt for him. **IAN S**

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The recent rainfall taught the city an important lesson: if we had preserved all the lakes, we could have stored up to 4 TMC feet of water, roughly equivalent to catering to Bengaluru's water needs for 80 days.

During a recent discussion in the Assembly, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said, "Our lakes have the capacity to store 2 to 4 TMC feet of water. If all the lakes were properly desilted and had good inter-connectivity, then there would have been no question of lakes overflowing if their systems were maintained well."

A majority of the lakes have given way to various infrastructure projects. For example, Dhamambudhi Lake gave way to Kempegowda bus stands (including the now Metro station), Koramangala Lake to National Games Village, Karanji Lake to Gandhi Bazaar and Puttenahalli Lake to JP Nagar Phase 6. As per the records of the Revenue Department, Domlur Lake was filled to make a residential layout in 1977.

Similarly, HAL second and third stages were eked out of lakes in 1978, HSR Layout was also made out of a water body (1986), Visvesvaraya Layout (2002), RMV second stage (2001), Koramangala (1965), NGEF (2000), HRB first stage (1986), second stage in 2000, Dollars Colony (1973), BTM Layout (1995) and Banashankari (1975).

Experts unanimously say that if we had preserved the lakes, then the city could have been saved from the water crisis. "Until recently, there used to be a long queue on roads where people were waiting for drinking water. Even today, many homes are still dependent on tanker water as the ground water level has depleted. As there is no perennial river source near Bengaluru, we are dependent on drawing Cauvery water from a distance of 100 kilometre. These lakes could have stored water and this would have in turn recharged the ground water level," explained Harish

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S, a green activist.

However, merely preserving the lakes is not enough as the stormwater drains that connect one lake to another need to be preserved so that the

overflowing water from the lake flows to the downstream lake. "We also should have preserved the catchment areas so that the lakes are fed with fresh water during the rainy season.

The recent flash floods caused by heavy rainfall are a pointer that if we had preserved lakes, we could have overcome the drinking water crisis a bit as well as flooding of residential

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— Harish S, environmentalist

areas," he added.

During the recent rainfall, Mahadevapura zone was the worst hit. As per the details given out by the Revenue Department, three residential layouts and a tech park has encroached Halanayakanahalli Lake, three residential layouts in Munnekolala Lake, an apartment complex in Nallurahalli Lake, eight residential layouts/apartment complexes in Belathur Lake, an apartment complex and a school has encroached Garudacharpalya Lake, two residential areas with villas have encroached Yemalur Lake.

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Expressway is giving famed toy makers a wide berth

Channapatna artisans, traders say sales dipping as B'lu-Mysuru expressway robs them of customers

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The 10-day Dasara festival is also known for hosting Gombe Habba (Doll festival). This is also the time when Channapatna rises to the occasion as it is renowned across the country for making dolls. However, this year, doll festival has failed to make big business in Channapatna and the locals blame it on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway.

Earlier, travel between Bengaluru to Mysuru had to be essentially via Channapatna (if the Ramanagar route was chosen). However, to avoid traffic congestion, the new highway bypasses both Ramanagar and Channapatna and as a result, the traders say that potential buyers are staying away from the area.

Mustafa Pasha, a doll trader at Channapatna, said, he has been selling Channapatna dolls since 1963. "This is the first year I am seeing such a big dip in the sales as many customers say that they don't want to take a detour via Channapatna. Many families are dependent on making and selling Channapatna dolls and have been hit hard now," he said.

Traders say that it is time the government promotes Channapatna toys via online mode. A trader



Channapatna toys are part of the rich cultural and traditional heritage of Karnataka and the toys have been accorded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag

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—Mustafa Pasha, artisan

said that last year the government had organised a toy festival where there was a provision to buy toys online and this helped in boosting the sales.

Locals say that the Channapatna toys have a history of hundreds of years. It got a big push during the

rule of Tipu Sultan as it is said that he had arranged for trainers from Persia to train the local artisans. During 1902, a training institute for Channapatna toy makers was organised by Mysuru Dewans.

Meanwhile, officials said that they are making best efforts to help the artisans. Channapatna toys are part of the rich cultural and traditional heritage of Karnataka and toys have been accorded the Geographical Indication, which would go a long way in aiding the livelihoods of artisans, an official said.

Karnataka has also partnered with an e-commerce company to conduct training, webinars and onboarding workshops. "The work-

shops will focus on sharing knowledge and imparting training about B2C e-commerce exports and selling worldwide through e-commerce international marketplaces to over customers," said an official.

Some of the locals are also helping the toymakers at Channapatna go high-tech. They are now making items which have a high demand in the market and this can bring revenue to them as well. The Channapatna toy makers are now coming up with lights which aid good sleep. Sources say that this precious craft was dying due to low demand in the market as many of the artisans from Channapatna worked as coolie workers.

Comprehensive approach



Covid has drastically shifted the healthcare landscape and fundamentally changed the way hospitals deliver healthcare in our country. Hospitals say that pandemic taught them importance of pulmonary diseases and early intervention. Hence, cross-departmental collaboration and use of efficient high-end technology have become key focus of hospitals for enhancing respiratory sub-specialty area. Dr Ravindra M Mehta (Chief of Pulmonology and Critical Care, Apollo Specialty Hospitals) said, "We aim to take the Integration of Advanced Pulmonary service program across the Apollo National System. This is to ensure all our patients benefit from the highest level of clinical care and expertise. This is possible by introducing and exploring solutions to all respiratory related ailments."

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Praise to HAL, ISRO tie-up



Inaugurating HAL's Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF) on Tuesday, President Droupadi Murmu said it is not only a historic moment for HAL and ISRO, but for the whole of India.

"India is the sixth country in the world to have cryogenic engine manufacturing capabilities. The glorious past of HAL and ISRO gives us an assurance that they will play a crucial role in the future," she said.

ICMF will cater to the entire rocket manufacturing and assembly under one roof for ISRO. The facility will boost self-reliance in manufacturing of high-thrust rocket engines.

The facility is set up in an area of 4,500 sq mt housing over 70 hi-tech equipment and testing facilities for manufacturing cryogenic (CE20) and semi-cryogenic engines (SE2000) of Indian space launch vehicles.

In 2013, an MOU was signed with ISRO for establishing the facility for manufacturing of cryogenic engine modules at HAL. The MOU for the cryogenic engine facility was subsequently amended in 2016 with an investment of Rs 208 crore towards setting up of Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF). S Somanath, Secretary, Department of Space, said India can emerge as a superpower in rocket technology only with the help of HAL, which has shown ability to absorb complicated space technology with perfection.

Cryogenic engines are the most widely used engines world over in space launch vehicles.

—IANS

Covid check: Big dip in September

Wards that had around 80 cases in Aug reporting fewer than 10

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The number of covid-19 cases has significantly dropped. Wards that were reporting over 70-80 cases in July and August are now reporting fewer than 10 cases and the positivity rate has dropped significantly to below 2%. Bellandur ward in Mahadevpura zone has always reported a high number of cases, with a lot of travellers staying in the ward in apart-



ment complexes. Now the ward has only reported 10 cases in the last seven days. Shantala Nagar, Doddanekundi, Kadugodi have reported six cases each, while Horamavu has reported only five cases. Wards

like Hagadur, CV Raman Nagar, Konanagraha have only four active cases each and CV Raman Nagar and Vijanana Nagar have three cases each.

The top 10 wards that reported

least number of positive cases in last seven days are Gurrappanpalya, Chikkalsandra, Hanumanth Nagar, Lakkasandra, Gurappanpalya, Banashankari temple ward, Yediyur, Siddapur, Katriguppe, Gali Anjaneya Temple and Chalavadipalya.

The average number of cases in the last seven days is 166. The positivity rate has dropped significantly and has been around 1%. On September 23, the TPR stood at 1.1% and September 24 it was 0.8% and on September it was 25 1.6%.

City's active clusters too have dropped with only two clusters reported in Mahadevpura zone in apartment complexes. The seven other zones have zero cases.

Only 26 covid hospitalisations have been reported; 11 patients were admitted in general wards while 12 are admitted in ICU and two in HDU and one in the ICU-V.

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Navaratri is here and after two years of muted celebrations, Bangaloreans are making the most of the festivities.

From shopping, gorging on yummy fare to keeping the selfie game on fleek, citizens are making the most of this nine-day festival that is one of India's oldest festivals. It is that time of the year when we unite with family, friends, and well-wishers irrespective of the hustle of life.

Bangalore Mirror has received an overwhelming response from the readers and today, we are featuring the best of the lot.

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Please note: Wednesday's colour code is blue.

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City lights disorient birds

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the owls cannot feed properly. This is not only affecting the owls but also increasing the population of mice/rats in the city. We have given suggestions to authorities to build shades over lights so that owls can perch in the shade of the light. However, nothing has been done."

Experts also pointed out that with parks open for longer hours, lights operate for a longer time which has increased the light pollution in Bengaluru.

"These days, parks are kept open for longer hours than usual for people to walk in the evenings; they are not realising that this will affect the birds," bird educator JN Prasad told BM.

Prasad added that rats are carriers of several diseases. To control their population, it is critical that the owls feed on them. Ulhas Anand, bird watcher, and co-founder of EcoEdu, said people want bright lights in parks when they are walking — this is adding to the light pollution, he stressed.

"Not just owls, diurnal birds are affected by the lights too. Diurnal birds, that are active during the day, roost as a community in certain places during night; of late

they cannot do so because of the lights. They have no option but to stay active. Now they stay active throughout the night. This has been happening with roosting sites of parakeets, mynas and crows. Lights affect their life in multiple ways. Lights can cause variations in terms of migration patterns," Anand said.

Anand added that insects are also attracted by the lights; so, they are not spreading out anymore. To feed on insects, birds will also focus on certain areas near the lights, triggering imbalances in the available population of certain birds in specific areas.

Praveen J, scientist, Bird Count, India, told BM: "Migration of songbirds in India happens over a broad front. They move across the peninsula from the Himalayas to south India. When they migrate, they mostly fly at night to reduce the chances of predation. However, during the night, they get disoriented by bright lights, especially over cities; some of them even enter homes. The Indian Pitta, a beautiful bird, known as Navrang in Hindi, is one example of such a migratory bird. Usually, disoriented birds that enter homes are already exhausted; they fall prey to dogs and cats and lose their life."

80+ PFI, SDPI activists detained; preventive measure, says CM

In an eight-hour long operation on Tuesday, the Karnataka police detained over 80 people, mostly office-bearers and members of the Popular Front of India (PFI) and Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) from across the state on the basis of intelligence inputs that they were trying to foment trouble in the society.

Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order) Alok Kumar noted that raids were conducted by the NIA as well as the state police last week. The NIA had at the time secured seven people from Karnataka and the state police 13.

"Continuing with it, we had received information from various agencies; based on that, we have conducted the operation since 3 AM and brought it to halt around 11 AM," Alok Kumar said.

He told reporters that more than 80 people have been

secured and they will be produced before the Taluk Executive Magistrates, who will remand them to preventive custody.

"Only after furnishing two sureties- one by a government servant and one by a family member- will they be released," he said.

Those who have been taken into custody have been inciting communal violence, disorder or trying to foment trouble in the society in the past and even now, the senior police officer said.

Kumar said most of them arrested are members of the radical Islamist out PFI, and few are from SDPI, which acts as its political front, and have been very active.

"More than 80 of them have been taken into custody, 20 are still under consideration, we are questioning them and then we will take a decision," he said, adding that state police have

done a good job and the highest number of persons have been secured in Karnataka in the operation which is on in various states.

The operation was in various parts of the State including Bengaluru Rural, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Kolar, Raichur, Gadag, Mangaluru, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Mandya, Ramanagara, Udupi, Chamarajanagar, Kalaburagi, Hubballi, and Dharwad, official sources said.

The police is said to have seized certain "documents and evidence" during the searches and are inquiring about involvement in anti-social activities.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the police action is a "preventive measure based on certain information".

PFI activists staged protests in some places condemning the police action. **PTI**

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Artiste has no religion, no politics



Zaid Khan, son of Chamrajpet MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan, had an apt repartee for a curious media person. When asked about how he reconciles acting with religion, he quipped, "As an artiste, I have no caste, creed or religion. I hope that I answered your query." Zaid was speaking at the launch of the teaser of Banaras on Monday evening at Orion Mall.

Zaid's maiden movie is scheduled for release next month. He was also asked if acting in films would help him in politics, but he was quick to dodge that one saying he does not want to enter politics. "I do not know politics. I don't want to enter politics and I don't like politics," he said. He spoke about a romantic scene in Banaras. "Sonali Monteiro and I were asked to act in a romantic scene near a pyre where a dead body is burning and relatives of the departed soul are crying. I also had a friendly tiff with Sonali during the shoot, but she insisted that I

should follow her since she is a senior artiste. She is an amazing artiste," he said.

He thanked Crazy Star Ravichandran for launching the teaser of Banaras in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam, and Bollywood actor Arbaaz Khan for launching the Hindi version. "I am grateful to Ravichandran sir and Arbaaz Khan bhai for gracing this function. Arbaaz Khan bhai gave me tips on acting," he said.

Arbaaz congratulated Zaid for his performance. "You have acted well. The teaser of Banaras is very good. I congratulate you for making your debut with this pan-India movie. I want to tell you that audiences are interested in the content of a movie. I advise you to go ahead and take success and failure in the right spirit. There will be occasions where movies with a big star cast fail and some movies become a huge hit even though the star cast is not famous," Arbaaz Khan told Zaid Khan.

Paalaar is as real as it gets



Debutante director Jeeva Naveen is all set to release his movie Paalaar next month. "This is based on three real life incidents that took place in Kolar and Devanahalli. My objective is to create awareness in society on rights of people and the need to stop discrimination against oppressed sections of society," says Jeeva.

Paalaar was shot at Kolar, Devanahalli, Bagepalli and Chikkaballapur. "Three incidents took place at Karnataka

Andhra Pradesh border areas. I shot the movie at places where the incidents took place. I want all sections of society to live peacefully without any discrimination," said Jeeva.

The specialty of Paalaar is YG Uma who played a key role in Telugu movie Cinema Bandi released last year and Kannada movie The Colour of Tomato which is scheduled for release shortly. "Uma plays the lead role in this woman-oriented movie apart from rendering songs. She is paired opposite Tilak Raj. Around 100 artistes are part of this movie," he said, adding that he underwent training in direction while working in Hong Kong.

Subramanya Acharya has composed the music while Varadaraj Chikkaballapura has penned lyrics for four songs. Swetha Devanahalli, Supreeth Phalguna, Subramanya Acharya and Uma YG are the playback singers.

Health scare

Deepika Padukone hospitalised for uneasiness; is 'doing fine'

Actress Deepika Padukone was rushed to a hospital in Mumbai on Monday night after the actress complained of uneasiness. She is reportedly doing well now.

Deepika underwent numerous tests in the hospital which reportedly took almost half a day. The actress faced quite a scary situation and was immediately hospitalised in the city. While the actress' team is yet to confirm the news officially, Deepika is doing fine now, a report in Pinkvilla stated.

Just a few months ago, Deepika was admitted to a hospital in Hyderabad after she had an increased heart rate. The actress was there shooting for her upcoming project with Prabhas. She was kept under observation in the hospital for about half a day.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Deepika was last seen in 'Gehraiyaan' alongside Ananya Panday, Siddhant Chaturvedi and Dhairya Karwa. The film was directed by Shakun Batra.

Next, her untitled next with Prabhas is being helmed by Naga Chaitanya and will also star Amitabh Bachchan in a key role. She is also a part of Siddharth Anand's 'Pathaan' with Shah Rukh Khan and 'Fighter' with Hrithik Roshan. Deepika is also a part of 'The Intern' where she will be reuniting with her 'Piku' co-star Amitabh Bachchan.

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Moral police can take a hike

Mouni Roy is the woman of the moment, with fans going gaga over her villainous role in 'Brahmastra'.

The actress, who has been on a victory lap post the success of her film at the box office, got candid about the social media trolling that comes her way and also spoke up about her personal life. Shutting down trolls, the actress revealed that the unsolicited 'moral policing'

doesn't bother her.

The actress also opened up to bollywoodlife.com about her life as a married woman. When asked if she has been facing any pressures to embrace motherhood post her marriage to Suraj Nambiar, the actress said, "Nobody is asking me for anything. They all respect the work I am doing right now and the life that we have been setting up in the 8 months of our mar-

riage." She also revealed that her mother-in-law and father-in-law watched 'Brahmastra' 3 times with their different sets of friends and sent her a lot of kisses after watching the film.

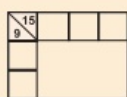
When asked about her married life with Suraj and their exotic holidays around the globe, Mouni said that she usually plans the vacations, "but Suraj unplans it and they become even better."

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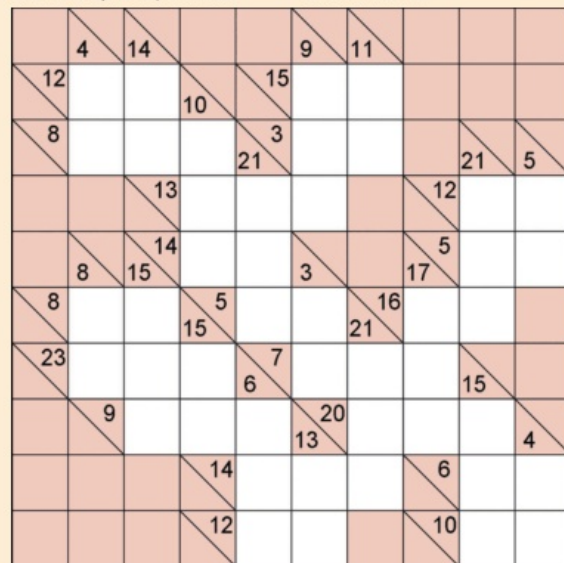
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

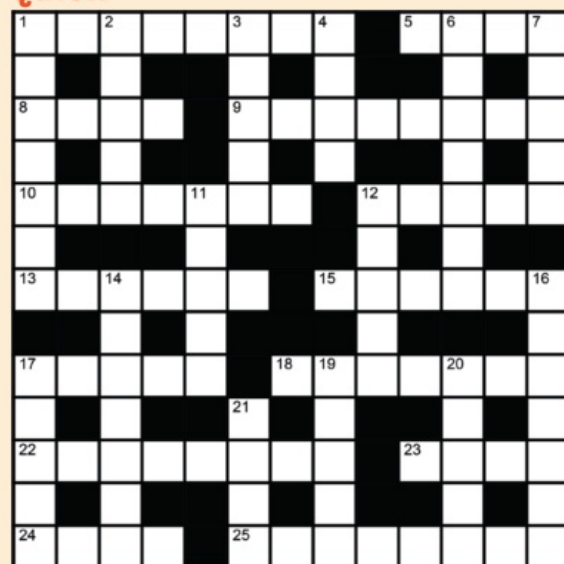


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Adorned with precious stones (8)
- 5 Furry dog Lhasa ____ (4)
- 8 Massive wild ox (4)
- 9 Chappati made out of rice (4,4)
- 10 Post-mortem? (7)
- 12 Grim, frowning (5)
- 13 Beg and plead; take a humble position (6)
- 15 Form of printing (6)
- 17 Join the edges (5)
- 18 Opposing (7)
- 22 Bounty, generously bestowed gifts (8)
- 23 Wicked (4)
- 24 Minute (4)
- 25 Invalidated (8)

DOWN

- 1 Cosmological theory of evolution? (3,4)
- 2 Pig's noise (5)
- 3 ____ off : departs hastily? (5)
- 4 Dreadful, terrible (4)
- 6 Strength, might or ability (7)
- 7 Pungent bulb (5)
- 11 Plume or pride oneself (5)
- 12 Capital city of Bulgaria (5)
- 14 15th Greek letter (7)
- 16 Gossiped or chattered (7)
- 17 ____ once : suddenly? (3,2)
- 19 Pick up leftovers in corn field (5)
- 20 Of the fleet (5)
- 21 Largest continent (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS P
TY'X BFY YKR OFHU OKTNK
UTSSX WRFWSR, TY'X YKR
OFHHJ. TY'X BFY YKR HR-
LFSZYTFB YKGY PRXYHFJX
QGNKTBHRJ TY'X YKR IHTNY-
TFB.



Linemaro

I love you more than the day I married you



Mindchow

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt



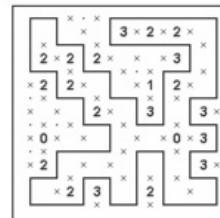
Joke of the day

Man: I just flew in from New York
Friend: Wow! Your arms must be tired

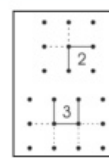
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

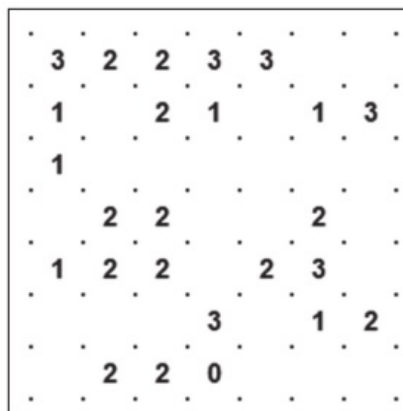


(Fig B)
Not Allowed

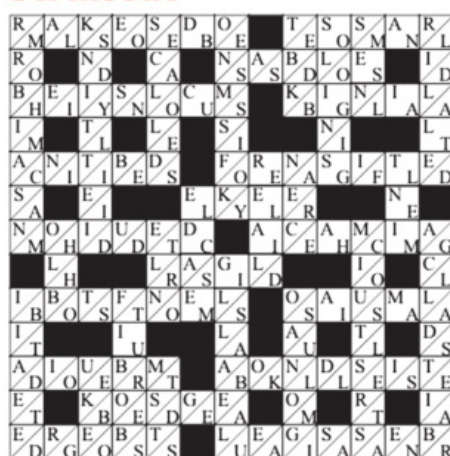
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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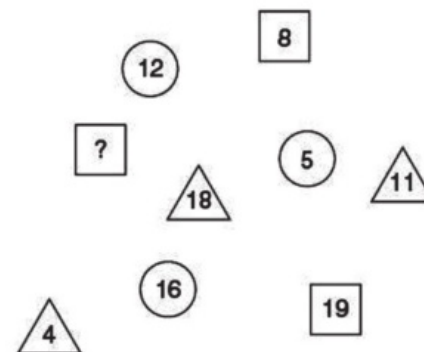
- 1 Sh Plu; 6 Ah pal;
- 7 Apter; 8 Aline;
- 9 Fowls

DOWN

- 1 Aw pap; 2 No all;
- 3 Tulip; 4 Flesh;
- 5 Shear

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

$\square \square \square \square = 11$

$\square \square \square \square = 1$

$\square \square \square \square = 1$

$\square \square \square \square = 11$

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Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is moved. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Hair is different. 4. Mattress is wider. 5. Mouth is open. 6. Picture on wall is reversed.

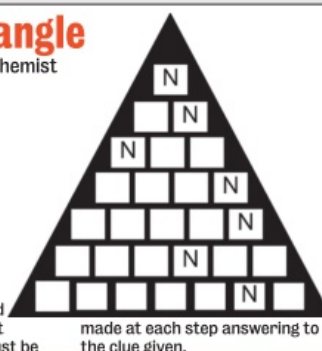
Riddler

What is this famous saying? zain yain xain wain
vain uain tain sain rain gain oain main lain
kain jain iain hain fain eain dain bain aain

Alpha triangle

- 1 Nitrogen for the chemist
- 2 In Cannes
- 3 Born as
- 4 Eyed
- 5 German city
- 6 Spectacles
- 7 Bug barriers

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

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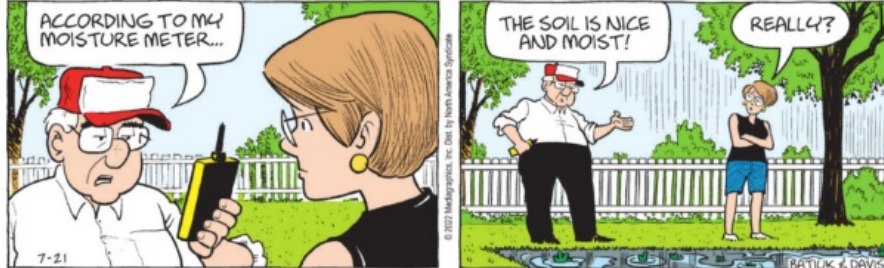
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankschaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You will be happy today. Chronic health issues related to family members will be cured. Money which was stuck may be recovered now, which may increase liquidity in the business. Working people will get some incentives which will improve your financial health. Job seekers may get jobs with the help of any relative or friend's reference. Students may take some help from their friends in terms of academics.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may plan to renovate your office or house. You are advised to spend within the budget, otherwise, it may affect your savings. Your straightforwardness may affect your relationship with people, so think twice before speaking. You may also have teeth, throat, ear, or nose-related issues.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may be busy at work, but your wisdom may help you to take the right decision in terms of business growth. You are likely to get a big order, which may expand your work. You may utilize your creativity to renovate your home or office, which may improve your social status. You might invest some creative assets also.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus on your goals may be good. Overworking may tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to focus on their studies, they are advised to make a proper timetable for their studies and follow it with the help of willpower.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

You may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life, your subordinates may cooperate with you to take some important decisions in the business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial for the growth of your business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you are blessed by the moon, you may face some challenges but with the help of patience, you may enjoy work. You may plan a short work-related trip where you may get help from your siblings and subordinate, which will enhance your social network. Job seekers are advised to use their network to get a suitable job.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be impatient, which may reflect on your way of working. There may be some silly mistakes, which may affect your project. Investments in fixed assets are advised to postpone for some days. But with the help of destiny, you may overcome a messy situation. In the evening, you may be focused on your work.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may have detachment from the responsibilities you have been given. You also may spend more on purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise, you may be a victim of a conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you may have some health-related issues, and lack of sleep might make you arrogant. You are advised to avoid making arguments at work and at home to avoid messy situations. You may also be attracted by the occult. You may find yourself in the self-analysis stage but somehow your good karma may help you to come out of it.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend more time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with the family member, which will be beneficial in near future. Your subordinates at the office may help you in work.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in the smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Natives who are in job may get promotions.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

You may plan to renovate your house today. You may buy some artefacts or creative stuff, which will improve your social status. You may also invest in properties and other assets. You are likely to enjoy romantic moments with your partner, which will strengthen your emotional relationship with them. Singles may find a soul mate. Love birds may take some important decisions in terms of marriage.



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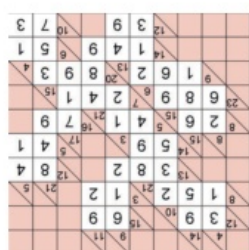
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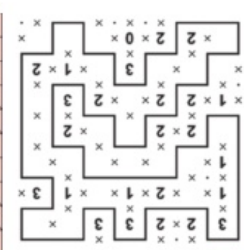
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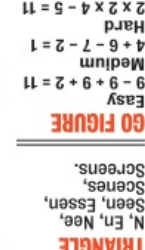
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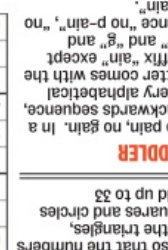
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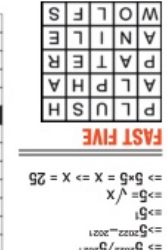
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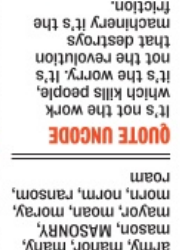
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